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Bullitt County School Board

Board Members:

My name is Steven Phelps, I represent a growing group of homeowners known as the South East Bullitt Community, the SEBC. We live in and around the Hwy 245 area. Many of us send our children to Bernheim Middle School.

Recently the Shepherdsville City Council voted against a property zoning change and subsequent building of warehouses off of S. Lakeview Dr., just across the street. One of the many reasons given was because of the traffic issue. More precisely, the lack of traffic signal and sufficient traffic pattern. The safety of the children of Roby Elementary and Bullitt Central helped to carry the vote against.

The SEBC wants to make sure that the School Board is aware that there is the exact same set of circumstances out on Hwy 245 at Audubon Dr. You see there is a proposed 400,000 sq. ft., warehouse planned for the property next to the Fairgrounds and which would place the entrance to this warehouse directly across from Audubon Dr.

Now Hwy 245 currently is a two lane road with somewhere in the neighborhood of 15,000 vehicles passing through the intersection of Audubon Dr./Hwy 245 each weekday. No traffic signal is at this location and the traffic is a real mess at times when our children are coming to and from Bernheim Middle School.

Unlike the property across the street from here, the property by the fairgrounds has been zoned Light Industry since the late 60's. Because this meets the requirements, a warehouse at this location will not require any changes at the Planning and Zoning Commission, so no opportunity for the P/Z or the City Council to vote it down.

Unlike the property across the street, the property next to the fairgrounds is privately owned and because of the way the annexation laws are written in this state, all the property owner had to do was request the City of Shepherdsville to annex and there is and was no public debate.

So at this point in time, without the school boards help in dealing with the intersection of Audubon Dr and Hwy 245, the addition of a busy warehouse and many, many more semi truck vehicles added to the daily numbers, our children at Bernheim Middle School have a higher chance of being involved in an accident, injured or killed, because we the public do not have the same opportunity to encourage a NO vote from any regulatory government bodies.

So I ask you, why are the children that attend Bernheim Middle School not as precious as the children that attend Roby or Bullitt Central? Without your help, this is precisely the situation that is likely to occur.

Steven Phelps
Chair, South East Bullitt Community